

12. During the Civil War.

1862—1865.

The California and Nevada Volunteers. The guarding of the mail route and telegraph line over the Indian-infested mountains and plains—a duty first performed by a portion of the Utah militia—was now placed upon Colonel P. E. Connor and the California and Nevada Volunteers. These troops arrived from the west in October, 1862. They had enlisted to fight for the Union in the war then going on between the North and the South, and it was much to their disappointment that they were ordered to this Territory. Their commander, who had been a captain during the Mexican War, was one of the first to place his sword at his country's service after the breaking out of the great Rebellion. Having been made a Colonel of Infantry by the Governor of California, he had recruited



GENERAL P. E. CONNOR.

*Battle of Bear River
29 Jan 1863*



